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SUBJECT: HELICOPTERS

REF: (A) STATE 105686; KATHMANDU 1957

1. SIKORSKY REP LOPER HAS AGAIN VISITED KATHMANDU AT REQUEST RNAC OFFICIALS. DISCUSSIONS SUGGEST RNAC AND GON MAY BE IN MARKET FOR FROM THREE TO FIVE SIKORSKY S-58-T HELICOPTERS, AT APPROXIMATE PRICE OF \$700,000 EACH. WHILE LOPER BELIEVES THAT GON MAY BE WILLING PURCHASE HELICOPTERS WITHOUT FINANCING, HE AND RNAC ACTING GENERAL MANAGER D. B. RANA BELIEVE GON MORE LIKELY DECIDE IN FAVOR OF SIKORSKY IF THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT FINANCING WOULD BE AVAILABLE.

2. WOULD IT THEREFORE BE POSSIBLE FOR DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH TELEGRAM ON PRIORITY BASIS, WHICH WE COULD SHOW TO GON OFFICIALS, THAT WOULD INDICATE EX-IM FINANCING WOULD BE AVAILABLE AND PROBABLE TERMS OF SUCH FINANCING. WE RECOGNIZE THAT IN REF A DEPARTMENT INDICATED EX-IM FINANCING WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR SINGLE HELICOPTER. HOWEVER IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT POTENTIAL SALE IS NOW IN THE \$2-3.5 MILLION RANGE, EMBASSY WOULD HOPE MORE FORTHCOMING FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE.

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